

Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, Kentuckians are firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and opportunities because they provide safe, challenging and engaging learning experiences that help children develop social, emotional, physical and academic skills; support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends; build stronger communities by involving students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among youth, families and adults; engage families, schools and community partners in advancing the welfare of our children; and
- WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Kentucky has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality afterschool programs are key to helping our children become successful adults; and
- WHEREAS, "Lights On Afterschool," the national celebration of afterschool programs held this year on October 20, 2011, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in our lives; and
- WHEREAS, More than 28 million American children have parents who work outside the home, and 15.1 million children have no place to go but home alone after school; and
- WHEREAS, Many afterschool programs across the country face funding shortfalls so severe that they are having to shut down; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky is committed to investing in the health and safety of all young people by providing expanded learning opportunities that will help close the achievement gap and prepare young people to compete in the global economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2011, as

LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY

in Kentucky, and commit our state to engage in innovative afterschool programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 6th day of October, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eleven and in the 220th year of the Commonwealth.

A handwritten signature of Steven L. Beshear in black ink.

STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Elaine N. Walker in black ink.

Elaine N. Walker
Secretary of State

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